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## TO VOTE ON JAIL PROPOSITION

The mass meeting of Audrain county citizens at the Mexico court house last Friday was not as largely attended as was hoped for, but every man present was positive that the county needed and must have a new jail building.

R. D. Worrell called the meeting to order who suggested that Judge John W. Beagles serve as chairman, who was unanimously elected.

Upon taking the chair Mr. Beagles stated positively that he favored a new jail, but he believed the people were opposed to a bond issue. That word does not sound good. Mr. Beagles believed that a jail structure should be erected that would answer all purposes for 40 or 50 years to come.

Ns. Myers made a speech favoring a 20 cent levy. That would raise about \$20,000, and many taxpayers thought that amount sufficient. That sum might be supplemented by any funds at the company of the County Court if more money were absolutely needed.

Sam Bowne made a ringing speech favoring a new jail—one in size and equipment sufficient to do for 50 years. He was also opposed to bonds, but favored a 10 cent levy for three years.

E. R. Locke thought that the plans and specifications for the proposed building should be published, so that the taxpayers would understand just what they were to get. He thought it would take at least \$25,000 to get the building and equipment that is needed.

Charles Householder favored a new jail all right, and, since thinking about it, he believed he rather favored a direct tax for raising the money.

Fred A. Morris thought it would take between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to build the structure required. The steel work alone would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Judge Charles Bledsoe favored a \$25,000 structure. He thought it could not be built for less.

G. L. Denham favored a direct tax for raising the money.

County Attorney A. C. Whitson plead that a suitable building and equipment could not be secured for less than \$25,000.

Wm. Pollock favored a direct tax and not less than \$25,000.

Judge George Robertson favored the 20 cents levy.

Hon. E. C. Waters stated that he voted against the issue at the last election. He was opposed to bonds, but would favor the 20 cent levy.

Chester Starr favored most any old way to get the new jail, but he wanted a plan that would get the matter off our hands, as soon as possible.

J. J. F. Johnson was for the jail. Direct tax. Inform the voters, too, before the election, as to plans, specifications and cost.

Judge John Gatson favored a 20 cent levy.

A motion for a 20 cent levy had been made by Ns. Myers and when the motion was put the chair called for a rising vote. The motion carried practically unanimously.

A motion was then adopted that a committee of one from each township of the county be appointed to assist the County Court in planning the jail and getting matters shaped up for putting the question before the voters. The following committee

was appointed:

Salt River, Pros. Atty. A. C. Whitson; Saling, Chester Starr; Wilson, Chas. Householder; Linn, C. L. Stewart; Cuivre, R. L. Alford; Prairie, Ed. Shobe; Loutre, T. E. Mitchell.

This committee has chosen Ben Elliott, of this city, as architect, to visit other counties and submit plans and cost for the building required.

### SPECIAL MENTION.

**Mrs. Hudson Buys Farm—Mr. Vaughn Afflicted With Cancer.**

Mrs. Frank Hudson has bought George Brewer's 40 acre farm, near Benton City, paying \$65 per acre.

The 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hafner, of near Worcester, underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days since.

Zell Fisher, up near Thompson, has traded his 290 acre farm for a farm in Illinois.

John Callahan, guardian of George Callahan, has filed suit in the Circuit Court against the City of Mexico for part of the street in front of the Military Academy. Callahan also files suit against the Academy for a certain tract of land in the campus. George Callahan claims these lands thru his mother who died a few years ago.

A convention of electric power men is to be held in this city in April—from all over the country. About 300 visitors are expected.

The residence property of the late Col. Green Clay, in South Mexico, was traded a few days ago to F. S. Sappington for \$17,500. Mr. Sappington expects to occupy the property soon.

J. T. Mitchell, president of the Bank of Centralia, has been appointed State Bank Examiner by Gov. E. W. Major.

J. A. Vaughn of this city recently underwent an operation for the removal of a cancer on the lobe of his left ear. He is recovering all right, we are glad to report.

### BEAVER DAM.

The weather is very much like spring, but the roads are very bad.

Several in this vicinity have been ill with tonsillitis.

J. N. Waugh has returned from Southeast Missouri. They seem to think that is a fine country down there as the soil runs very deep and seems very fertile, but don't know whether they will locate there or not.

Miss Sally Evans, a missionary from Japan, has been spending a few days with J. N. Waugh and family.

The debating society was well attended at Beaver Dam Friday night and a big time was reported.

### Child Hurt.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams happened to a very painful accident last Sunday while playing at Mr. Kammar-meyer's by getting her left hand caught in clothes wringer, breaking the finger and pulling the end off. Dr. Flynt was called and dressed the wound and now little Gladys is resting as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher, northeast of Martinsburg, have three children who took down with pneumonia last week.



The New Bell Telephone Exchange Building in Mexico.

### MRS. GARRARD DEAD.

Passes Away Last Sunday After a Brief Illness.

Mrs. Jennie Garrard, 80 years old, died last Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter in this city, Mrs. G. L. Ferris. She had been ill only since Friday. She was a native of Kentucky and her maiden name was Miss Jennie Hull. She was married to James D. Garrard. They moved to Missouri just before the close of the War, Mr. Garrard becoming the owner of the Fullenwider farm, southeast of Centralia, where, the year before, was fought three famous battle between Bill Anderson's guerrillas and Col. Johnson's command.

To Mr. and Mrs. Garrard were born eight children, only one of whom survives, Mrs. G. L. Ferris mentioned above. Mrs. Nannie Howell, the wife of John W. Howell of this city, who died several years ago, was a daughter of deceased. Mr. Garrard died 19 years ago.

Mrs. Garrard was a faithful Christian woman, a member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace, burial in Elmwood.

### FROM GEORGIA.

We have received the following letter from A. J. (General) Schroll, whose home is at Farber, this county:

Fitzgerald, Ga., Jan. 22, 1913.—Mr. John Beal, Mexico, Mo. Dear Friend, Editor and School-mate: We are still school-mates, only we are growing older. Am in the Sunny South again this winter, and feeling pretty well. Father is well and hearty. Enjoys his papers in the forenoon and goes up town and pitches horse shoes in the afternoon. We have a nice garden. Some are planting potatoes and corn. There is some oats that will hide a rabbit. It is a kind they call the winter oats. The weather has been very nice, not very much rain. The thermometer was 70 today.

Wishing you and family health, happiness and prosperity. I am, A. J. Schroll.

Curtis Stephens, of Martinsburg, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Economy Stock Powder Co., at Shenandoah, Iowa.

### BANQUET, THE FARMERS.

Ferris & Cauthorn Serve Dinner to 100 Guests.

Near 125 farmers enjoyed a dinner Monday given by Ferris & Cauthorn, in the second floor of their hardware building, afterwards witnessing a demonstration of the merits of the new fence posts manufactured by the American Steel Wire Co.

C. C. Shopp, representing the company, made a speech and went into every detail. He proved that the posts will last practically forever and, everything considered, they are cheaper than any other post manufactured, steel, concrete, iron, or wood.

### SANTA FE ITEMS.

The roads are very bad now. A good crowd at Sunday school Sunday.

Rev. O'Heron of Canton filled his regular appointment Sunday at the Christian church.

Robt. Smiley made a business trip to Hannibal Monday.

Born, Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stevens, a girl.

Our bank cashier, Mr. Bert Smith, had the misfortune to fall while washing the bank windows last Wednesday. The step ladder on which he was standing slipped from under him, breaking his leg near the hip. He has the sympathy of the community.

Miss Ida Ray Reed and sister, Alice, spent Sunday with Misses Mamie Reynolds and Nell Bybee. Jim Smith and family visited with Mr. Ernest Smiley and family Sunday.

Charley Wilkerson and family and Byron Wilkerson and wife were guests of Uncle Jack Hunt and daughter Sunday.

Will Davis and wife left this week for their new home up in Long Branch neighborhood.

### Mr. Wolf Dead.

Wm. Wolf, 52 years old, living on the J. B. Botkin farm, in Washington school district, died last Saturday of Bright's Disease. The burial was at Hickory Grove church Monday. Deceased is survived by the wife and five children, to whom the community extends sincerest sympathy.

Mr. W. E. Burchfield and Miss Lillian Anderson, both of Buell, Mo., were married here last Saturday, Rev. A. A. Wallace officiating.

### SHORT INTERVIEWS.

G. R. Pool's Hogs—Mr. Braden to Move to Farm—Mr. Ware's Trade.

J. G. Ware: I'm getting along splendidly out on the farm. My son, J. H. Ware, Altamont, Kan., has traded his Audrain county farm of 200 acres near me for a 120 acre farm near where he lives in Kansas, and he got a fine big difference to boot in cash. My boy and his family like it out in the Sunflower State.

R. S. Douglass: I have a fine little 90 acre farm near Benton City. I went off to Colorado a year or more since and left it, but I am glad to get back to it again. I am going to try to farm it right. I'm a crank about saving manure. Save, save, and watch the small things, that will win on the farm.

B. D. Brown: I live southeast of Thompson. I have a 235 acre farm near Whitesides, Mo., which I am going down to see this week. Has the hog cholera bothered me? No. But I have four fine brood sows I wouldn't want the cholera to get.

G. R. Pool: I have had 17 head of hogs to die within the last two weeks. It hits me hard. I don't think it is the cholera. They first refuse to eat, lie around a day or two, then take with something like a fit and in a few minutes are dead. What are the farmers going to do about this great loss of their hogs?

James Braden: I am planning to move from Mexico to my good farm down near Laddonia. Mr. McAfee and I have a public sale the 6th prox. I was down that way the other day for some feed. Found the roads very rough; worse as you neared Mexico. They did not spoil a good farm when they laid off Mexico.

J. A. Reighley: I live three miles southwest of Mexico and have one of the best little 120 acre farms out in that section. I have a notion to sell all or part of it and go to Southwest Missouri. Maybe I ought and maybe I ought not.

B. Morrell: I move to Spencer, Iowa, this week. I've lived out 12 miles northwest of Mexico for a number of years. It's a fine people out that way, brother. I

regret exceedingly to leave them. But I may come back to Audrain some time, I may come back.

G. W. Newgent: Here, Mr. Editor, a dollar, send the Message to my grandson, Richard Adams, in Minneapolis, Minn. He went there about a year ago. Is a street car conductor. He would like to hear the Audrain county news.

Henderson Johnson: I am a convert to the idea that most of the farms in Audrain county are too large. Labor is hard to get and if your farm is large you are forced to skimp and neglect. That is an ideal idea—to make three blades of grass grow where now you are only making one grow. Don't take from your soil without putting something back. Build up the soil—save all the manure—and then you will not need so many acres.

George Fisher: My son, Mervyn Fisher, of Benton City, and I made a trip recently thru South Missouri. We liked the community of Ozark, in Christian county. That's a clean town; no saloons in the county. Ozark ships more live stock than any other like sized town in the State—they challenge the whole list to beat 'em on this shipment score. They feed, all their grain. I'm going to remain in old Audrain for a while yet—I've been here many a year, but I suspect that some time soon I'll land in South Missouri.

### POWELL FORD.

A January thaw. Roads have been bad for more than a week.

All are pained to know of Judge Carter's illness, but glad to know he is doing as well as could be expected.

The Willing Workers of Rising Sun cleared over \$20 at the oyster supper at Mr. and Mrs. Vigal's and report a splendid time.

Miss Frances Gill, of Mexico, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Earl Carter.

Miss Lena Hamilton spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton, west of Mexico.

Misses Virgie and Anna Bledsoe and Miss Marian Johnson of Mexico were the guests of Misses Mabel and Ruth Cook Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Hattie and Carrie Kennan of Mexico are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Wm. Mason and family of this vicinity.

Mrs. Belle Black, of Mexico, was the guest of Miss Lona Dowell, Friday and Saturday.

### Holiness Meetings.

The Holiness people of Mexico meet each Sunday in the hall on first floor above Ricketts & Emons Dry Goods Store. Holiness Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. Devotional Services at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting 7:30 Wednesday evening. We extend a cordial invitation to everybody to come and meet with us at these hours.

E. A. Bowman, formerly of Martinsburg, this county, who lost a foot while in the discharge of his duties as a brakeman for the Wabash, at Moberly, was given a judgment recently against the road for \$9,000.

Mr. J. T. Duchene, a prominent blacksmith of this city, and Miss Virgie Green, also of this city, were united in marriage last Friday, Justice John H. Wayne officiating. Our best wishes extended the happy couple.

Born, the 26th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McKee, a daughter.

## GIRL FARMER BEATS BOYS

Stillwater, Oklahoma, Jan. 24. Miss Esta Beaman, winner of a prize of \$200 for growing the best acre of corn in Oklahoma in competition with 500 boys, has received orders for all the seed corn she grew at \$2 a bushel.

Miss Beaman produced ninety-five bushels and ten pounds on rocky, stumpy, upland, doing all the work herself.

The money will be used by Miss Beaman for a course at the State Agricultural College.

### The Biggest Land Deal.

One of the biggest land deals ever consummated in this section of the State was that made a few days ago when Jack Harrison sold the Thomas Harrison 982 acre farm 2 1/2 miles east of Auxvasse to Bell Bros. of Rochester, Ill., for \$9,820. Mr. Harrison takes in the Abe McPike farm of 415 acres near New London, Ralls county, at \$75 per acre. Bell Bros. to pay the difference. Mr. Harrison, since the deal, has refused \$100 an acre for 300 acres of the Ralls county farm.

Ns. Myers, of this city, represented Mr. Harrison in the above big deal and E. R. Taft, also of this city, represented Bell Bros.

### NORTH CALLAWAY.

We report fine weather this week. Roads are very muddy, especially the late grading. All roads should be graded by the 1st of July, to have good roads. The prospect for fruit is good. The growing wheat is looking fine.

Mr. J. Roe and wife of Scott City, Kansas, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jas. S. Porter, of North Callaway, for the past two months, went last Saturday to Haywood, near Chicago, Ill., where they will visit Mr. Roe's daughter.

Miss Ruth Porter, who is teaching an eight months' term of school in the Wade district, in Boone county, was visiting her parents here from Saturday to Monday.

Ed. Britt sold to Chasley Hoffman, of North Callaway, a good road horse last week for \$150.

E. E. Kennon bought of W. J. Woods a good road horse.

T. B. Henderson of south Audrain, bought of J. W. Bailey, the Concord merchant, an extra good pair of mules for \$400.

Charley Hoffman sold to Charley Dean an extra good saddle horse.

Patterson & Tinsler shipped a load of porkers from Auxvasse last Monday to the East St. Louis market.

C. Y. Porter, of the Sunny Slope Fruit Farm, is feeding a nice bunch of porkers for the early spring market.

Mr. Swanton Dead. A baby, three months old, the son of Mr. & Mrs. George Swanton, three miles south of this city, died last Saturday night of a complication of diseases. The body was shipped Monday to Illinois for interment.

J. D. Botkin, a relative of J. B. Botkin of this city, was lately appointed warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary by Gov. Hodges.

**Mexico Savings Bank**  
Capital Stock \$100,000.00  
43rd Year in Business.  
W. W. FRY, President.  
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.